

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-2, 4, 6-18 remain pending in the instant application. Applicant kindly requests favorable reconsideration.

Interview Summary

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the courtesy of the Examiner in initiating a telephone interview held Wednesday December 17, 2008, with a proposed amendment to the claims, resulting in the agreed upon amendment made above.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1 and 18 are amended to recite that lay angles A and B are not equal. Claim 1 is also amended to improve its readability in a manner suggest by the Examiner. These changes are editorial in nature only, and no alteration of claim scope is effected. Claim 1 is also amended to remove limitation of the wire to a round wire, unnecessary in view of the cited art. No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are patentable, and kindly solicits an early and favorable notice of allowability.

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